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1. Curfew was maintained in Tientsin throughout the morning of 18 December. Only official cars and pedestrians with proper passes were permitted to circulate.
2. The reason for the maintenance of curfew and traffic control during the day, according to a report said to have originated in Garrison Headquarters, was that 40,000 completely demoralized Nationalist troops coming from the Tangku area were looting and shooting enroute. The curfew resulted in the almost total withdrawal of demoralized troops from the streets and in the lessening of disorder.
3. Excessive intermittent gunfire came from south of Tientsin after midnight and continued through the morning of 18 December.
4. Four China Air Transport planes left Tientsin late on 18 December. Massed troops on the airfield make future landings there improbable; however, the completion of the race course strip is hoped for in three days.
5. An American-employed Chinese stated that his Soviet friends had advised him to leave Tientsin, as twelve Soviet political police had arrived in the city in the past two weeks from Shanghai. These men had arrived in Shanghai from the U. S. S. R. on the last Soviet ship.
6. Great tension exists among all Tientsin circles. The general feeling is that the Communists should enter immediately and get it over with. It is felt that the Communists can take over at any moment.

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